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## US TRANSFERS TWO LIBYANS TO SENEGAL FROM GITMO PRISON

1 Two Libyans held for years at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have been flown to Senegal for resettlement, the Pentagon said on Monday, the latest move in President Barack Obama's final push to close the facility. The two men were the first of a group of about a dozen who are expected to be transferred in coming weeks to at least two countries that have agreed to take them, according to a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity. With the latest departures, there are now 89 prisoners at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo. REUTERS

## OBAMA, NATO CHIEF DISCUSS FIGHT AGAINST ISLAMIC STATE

2 President Barack Obama and NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said on Monday they had discussed how NATO can help train and assist troops in Iraq, Jordan and elsewhere fighting Islamic State militants. "We are continuing to cooperate on an ongoing basis about operations potentially in areas like Libya where you have the beginnings of a government," Obama told reporters after meeting Stoltenberg in the Oval Office. REUTERS

## CALIF. GOVERNOR SIGNS $15-AN-HOUR MINIMUM WAGE INTO LAW

3 Gov. Jerry Brown on Monday signed into a law a bill raising California's minimum wage from $10 to $15 an hour by the year 2023, making the nation's most-populous state the first to boost pay to that level for the working poor. The move marks the culmination of a deal Brown brokered with labor leaders and state Democratic leaders and puts California, home to one of the world's biggest economies, at the forefront of U.S. states and cities that have moved to surpass the federal minimum wage, which has remained at $7.25 an hour since 2009. "This is about creating a little tiny bit of balance in a system that every day becomes more unbalanced," Brown said before signing the legislation. REUTERS

# Cops, DA, clash on decision not to charge LeSean McCoy

Former Eagles running back LeSean McCoy was allegedly involved in a bar fight with two-off duty Philly police officers in February. GETTY IMAGES

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #5 said it will appeal after District Attorney Seth Williams declined to charge NFL star LeSean McCoy after a February bar fight that involved local police officers.

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Top brass within the Fraternal Order of Police have lashed out at District Attorney Seth Williams for deciding not to press charges against Buffalo Bills running back LeSean McCoy after an ugly bar fight involving two off-duty police officers in February.

Williams said Monday that a combination of a lack of evidence and conflicting reports the night of the fight at Recess Lounge in Old City did not meet the legal threshold to press charges.

The news spurred a backlash from the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #5, whose president vowed to appeal to the state attorney general's office for further review.

"It seems legal for somebody to commit assault in a bar all of sudden now in the city of Philadelphia," said John McGrody, vice president of FOP Lodge #5.

"Trust me, we have spoken to our members, the investigators, and we know what occurred here and everybody involved in this case here believes that criminal charges are warranted. These are veteran cops that conducted these investigations. I think [Williams] has opened up a can of worms for defense attorneys now in this city."

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> McGrody

McCoy and former running back Curtis Brinkley were accused in February of taking part in the fight over a bottle of champagne that left two off-duty police officers hospitalized.

During a crowded press conference Monday, Williams laid out his case for declining to bring charges.

He said that looking back at the events that took place on Feb. 7 between all parties involved, there was insufficient evidence to prove — beyond a reasonable doubt — who started the fight and under what circumstances.

"I do not condone bar fights," Williams said.

"But my job is not to decide if anyone acted appropriately or not. My job is to determine if evidence exists to charge any individual with a crime. I do that by looking at all the facts. That is what we did here. My decision is consistent with my commitment to the citizens of Philadelphia to charge, and only charge, those people who, based on evidence, are guilty of crimes."

Williams said that findings in his investigation resulted in material of the following — that only two interviewed individuals gave any information about how the physical contact initiated and both versions directly conflicted with one another; both participants in the fight declined to file police reports immediately following the incident; each injured participant declined medical attention immediately following the incident; and multiple participants misidentified those involved when speaking to police.

"I don't make decisions based on politics," said Williams.

"We didn't make this decision based on who's going to be happy or who's going to be upset or who a potential victim or potential defendant was. That would be wrong for us.

"In this case, we had evidence that would conclude that people were being justified in trying to protect their friends, and so for all of those reasons, I'm very satisfied that we did the right thing."

McGrody pledged to take the case to federal authorities, if need be.

"We don't believe the decision was made based on the facts. We don't believe the decision was made based on the evidence, and we're going to do what we have to do to assure these individuals are held accountable, criminally, for what they did," he said.

"We're going to reach out to the attorney general's office in Pennsylvania and federal authorities if the local prosecutor is not going to charge somebody with aggravated assault."

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# City Council hears emotional testimony at 'puppy mill' hearing

Bill is intended as a deterrent to forced breeding operations in Philadelphia.

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Philadelphia City Council may soon move to enact a ban on "puppy mills" in the city after emotional animal advocates testified at a hearing Monday.

"When you meet a puppy mill puppy, you know it," said Portia Scott Palko, owner of Central Bark Doggy Day Care, who said she has encountered many such puppies in her work.

"Their behavioral development is stunted," she said. "There's lots of fear in these dogs because they live the first two months of their lives in mental isolation."

The problem is especially serious in the towns outside of Philly, Palko said.

"If someone calls up and says 'I got a puppy from a breeder in Lancaster County,' I look at my staff, and we say, 'It's a puppy mill puppy.'"

So-called puppy mills (and "kitty mills") are animal breeding operations where animals are forced to breed repeatedly and often kept in unsanitary or neglectful conditions. Operators may pose as legitimate breeders and sell the animals to pet stores or individuals at high prices.

The PSPCA's director of humane litigation, Rebecca Glenn-Dinwoodie, described discovering a German shepherd that was being bred in a puppy mill in Lancaster County. The dog was pregnant and living in unsanitary conditions with her own waste everywhere. The PSPCA rescued the dog, Hazel Grace, and later adopted her out.

Hazel Grace, a rescued puppy mill dog PROVIDED

"The goal of puppy mills is to make as much money as possible," Glenn-Dinwoodie said. "Females are bred constantly and receive little to no veterinary care."

According to the Humane Society of the United States, there are an estimated 10,000 puppy mills in the country, producing more than 2.4 million puppies a year.

No puppy mills have been reported in Philadelphia, but if passed into law, the Philly ban on puppy mills would serve as a deterrent, said animal control officials. It would also mandate a $150 to $300 fine per incident.

"We don't have any at this point; in Pennsylvania, they're exclusively in rural areas. But it [the bill] cuts it off before anyone gets the idea, because the income is substantial," said Vincent Medley, executive director of the Animal Care and Control Team (ACCT Philly).

City Councilman Kenyatta Johnson said he introduced the legislation to prevent puppy mills from opening up.

"My dog is a family member, and I treat my dog as such. If you want a pet, treat your pet humanely," Johnson said of Sasha Blue, his pet Cane Corso. "This is an opportunity for us to be proactive and make sure if any stores or businesses decide to open in the future and source animals from a puppy or kitty mill, we'll be on the front line making sure that doesn't happen."

*"When you meet a puppy mill puppy, you know it."*
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The bill passed favorably out of committee Monday and will be voted on by Council at a future session before heading to the mayor's office.

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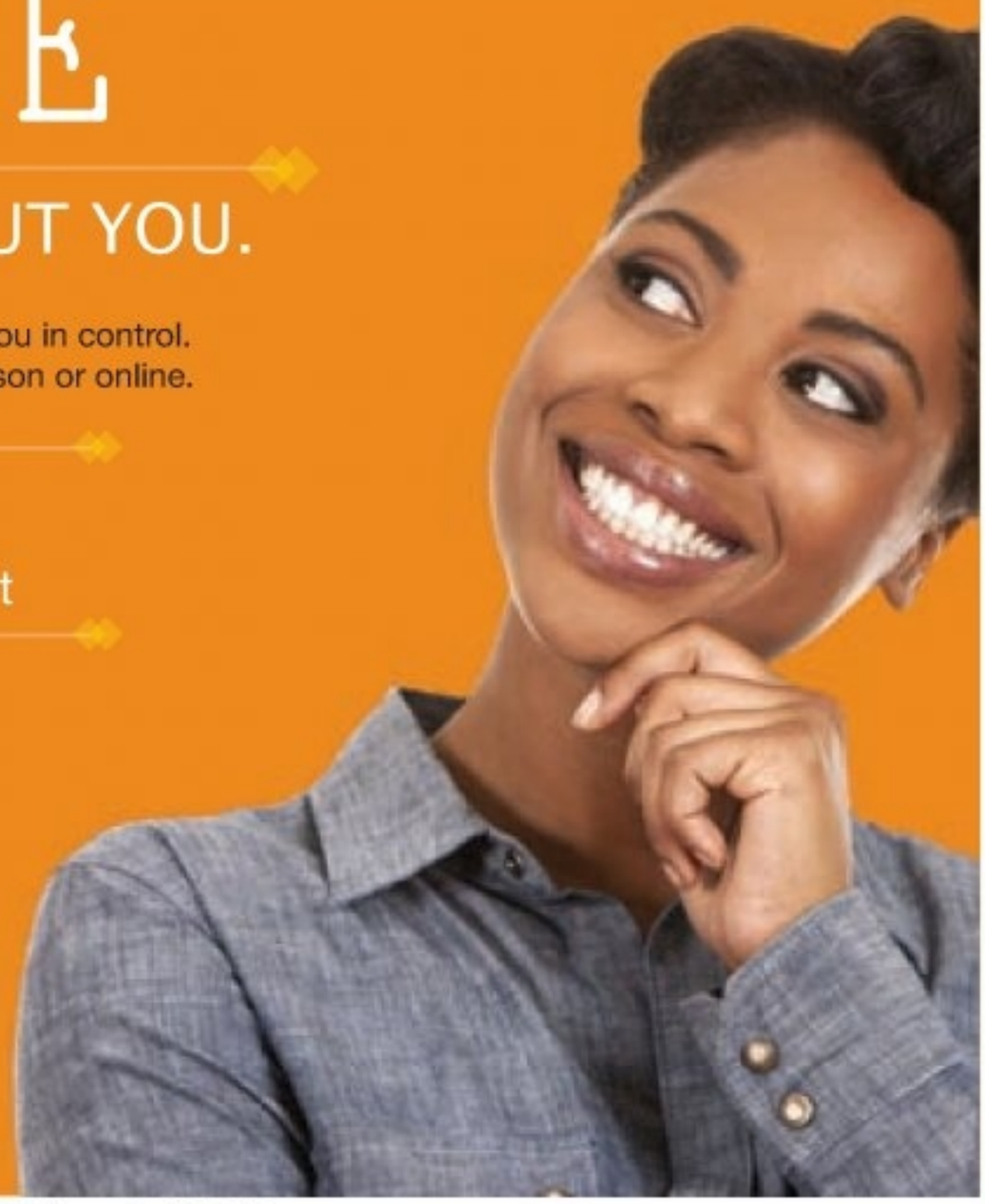

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# Princeton to keep Wilson's name despite racist ties

Princeton University will keep President Woodrow Wilson's name on campus buildings despite student complaints about racism, with officials saying on Monday that "contextualization is imperative" to the Ivy League school's history.

The New Jersey school's board of trustees said Monday it would not remove Wilson's name and image from its public spaces and from its Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

Wilson, the 28th U.S. president from 1913 to 1921, was a leader of the Progressive Movement but also supported racial segregation, which was part of public policy at the time, particularly in Southern states. Wilson served as Princeton University's president from 1902 to 1910.

The trustees adopted the recommendations of a special committee

Woodrow Wilson GETTY IMAGES

formed after Princeton students demonstrated and demanded the removal of Wilson's name on campus in November, amid a wave of protests at colleges across the United States over the treatment of minority students.

In retaining Wilson's name, "contextualization is imperative," the school's website cited the committee as saying Monday.

Of particular concern are "the position he took as Princeton's president to prevent the enrollment of black students and the policies he instituted as U.S. president that resulted in the re-segregation of the federal civil service," the committee said.

"Wilson, like other historical figures, leaves behind a complex legacy of both positive and negative repercussions. Use of his name implies no endorsement of views and actions that conflict with the values and aspirations of our times," the committee said.

"We have said that in this report, and the University must say it in the settings that bear his name," the committee said. REUTERS

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# Workers on wrong track before deadly Amtrak crash: Report

Investigators on Monday were analyzing data recorders recovered from the scene.

Maintenance workers were mistakenly on the wrong track when an Amtrak passenger train struck a large piece of railway equipment Sunday near Philadelphia and killed two people, according to CNN.

The network cited an unnamed source in reporting that the train hit the crew after a "colossal" error left them on an active track.

Investigators on Monday from the National Transportation Safety Board were analyzing an event data recorder and video recordings recovered after the front of the train went off the tracks in Chester, Pennsylvania, about 15 miles southwest of Philadelphia.

The accident Sunday morning also injured 35 people and left service suspended for much of the day along the busy corridor between Philadelphia and New York.

People aboard Amtrak Train 89, bound for Savannah, Georgia, from New York with about 330 passengers, described the jolt when the collision occurred.

Steve Forbes, the U.S. publishing executive and two-time former Republican presidential hopeful, told CNN on Monday he was riding in the last car of the train that crashed.

"It was a matter of nanoseconds, but you felt the train was coming to a screeching halt, then it eased up a bit, then another screech," Forbes said. "There was coffee flying everywhere. There was the smell of smoke."

The locomotive engineer was among those on board the train taken to hospitals with injuries, none life-threatening, the NTSB said.

Forbes said passengers determined there was no fire and decided to stay inside the train car to avoid contact with live electrical wires outside. They did not receive instructions until first responders made their way to the final car about 30 minutes later, he told CNN.

Amtrak spokesman Mike Tolbert said the railroad was operating its normal schedule of service along the busy Northeast rail corridor Monday. He referred all other questions to the NTSB, which did not respond to a request for comment.

The crash was the latest in a series involving the U.S. passenger rail carrier and occurred a few miles south of the site of a 2015 derailment in which eight people were killed. REUTERS

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No one's showing up for jury duty in Philly. NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

# Philadelphia gives up on no-show jurors' court

The "scofflaw juror" court will be discontinued due to lack of effectiveness, said the city's commissioner of juries.

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Philadelphia has a problem getting its citizens to respond to jury duty summonses, and now it's even given up on one attempt at solving the problem.

"Scofflaw juror court," a special program held in the Criminal Justice Center to punish people who ignored jury summonses, has been discontinued due to a lack of success.

"From what we could see, it really didn't increase our response rate," said Jury Commissioner Daniel Rendine. "The only real results we got were a lot more phone calls from people trying to see, 'Am I scheduled for jury duty?' and making sure they got their excuses right."

At scofflaw juror court, which was resurrected two years ago, individuals who pleaded guilty to skipping court got a $50 fine, while others who contested their cases could face up to a $100 fine — and a fresh summons for jury duty. All the jury-duty skippers got a day in court and a talk from a judge about the importance of their service.

About 35 percent of the people in Philly who receive summonses do not respond or show up at court.

So out of 545,000 jury summonses issued in 2015, about 175,000 people did not respond.

About 14 percent of the people show up and sit in court, either to be picked for a jury panel or to be thanked and sent home. The remainder are excused from service for legitimate reasons.

"It's a huge problem," Rendine admitted. "We have to pursue other ways. … We need to make it better."

Rendine listed a partnership with the Philadelphia Bar Association, a campaign of public service announcements, and more education of the public as possible tactics to improve the response rate.

"It's a shame that people don't want to participate in a process that's so vital to our system of justice," said criminal defense attorney Jim Berardinelli. "We're obviously still getting juries — we're able to try all the cases — but in terms of how many are not showing up, I had no idea it was that low. It just shows a level of apathy that is disappointing."

People who do not respond to jury summonses can face up to a $500 fine, as well as up to 10 days in jail.

## BRIEF

**Hermit crab argument leads to Nazareth shooting**

A Nazareth man faced multiple charges Sunday after he was arrested for allegedly firing a gun during an argument over whether to allow a hermit crab in a house.

Mario Ramon Maisonet, 32, was accused of shooting the car of his fiancee's ex-husband, which contained a passenger at the time, after he argued with the man over whether or not a hermit crab would be allowed inside his home, the Morning Call reported.

The hermit crab belonged to Maisonet's fiancee's son, who was arriving at the house after a weekend visit with his father, and was in a fish tank at the time of the incident, the Associated Press stated in an article reported by Philly.com.

Maisonet, who did not want the hermit crab inside, allegedly fired the gun and struck the front left wheel of the ex-husband's car, the Morning Call stated. He also allegedly threatened the ex-husband and that man's girlfriend with the gun.

After the incident, Maisonet was arrested by Palmer Township police at his mother's home, according to the Morning Call.

Court documents do not list an attorney for Maisonet, the AP added at Philly.com, also stating that he faced charges including aggravated assault. JASON NUCKOLLS

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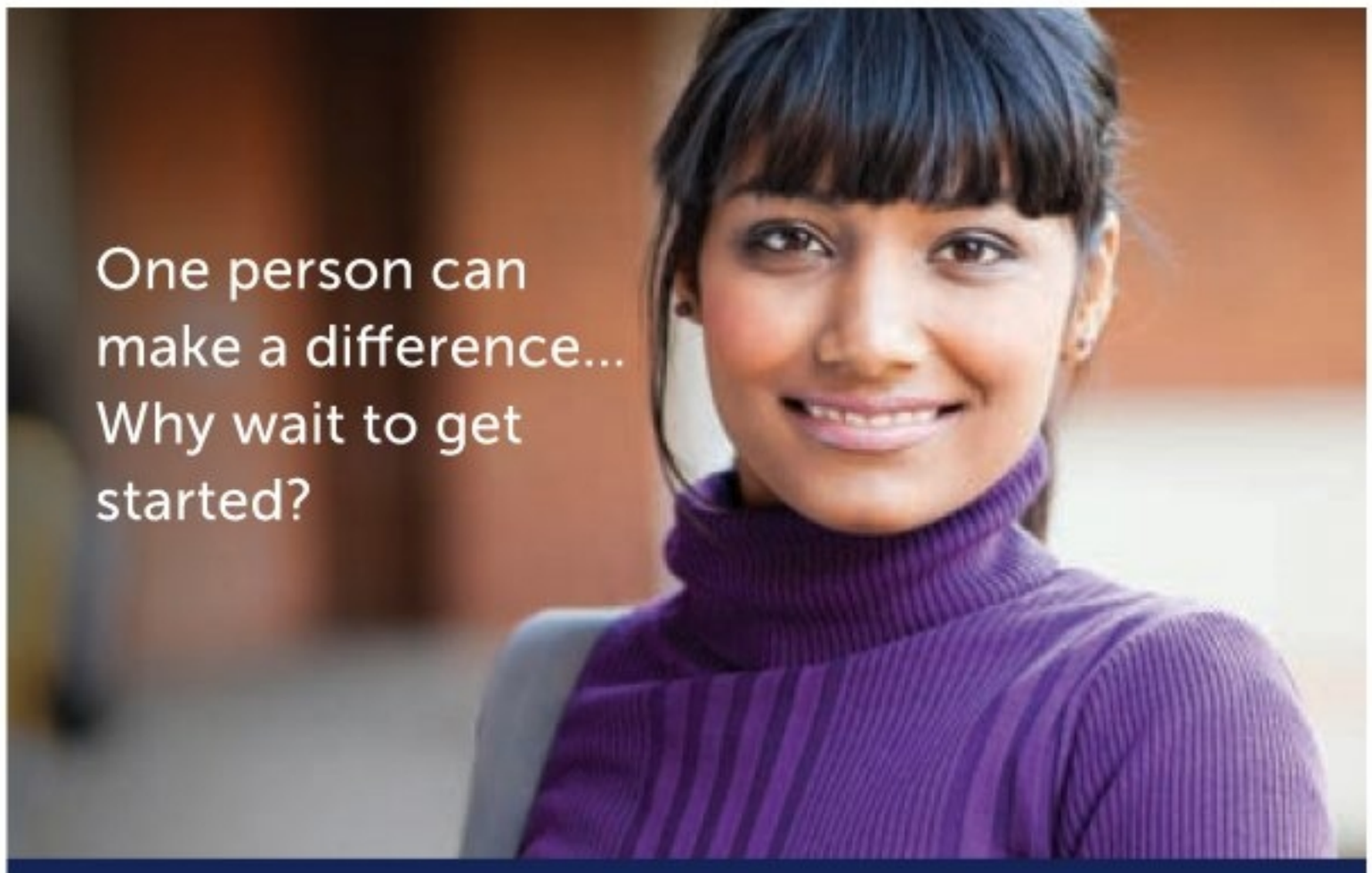


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# Villanova fans cheer on their Wildcats

Fans enters the Pavilion at Villanova University to watch on a large projection the Wildcats take on the University of North Carolina's Tarheels in Houston, Texas for the NCAA championship game.

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Fans cheer in a jam packed and very loud pavilion at Villanova University on Monday night.

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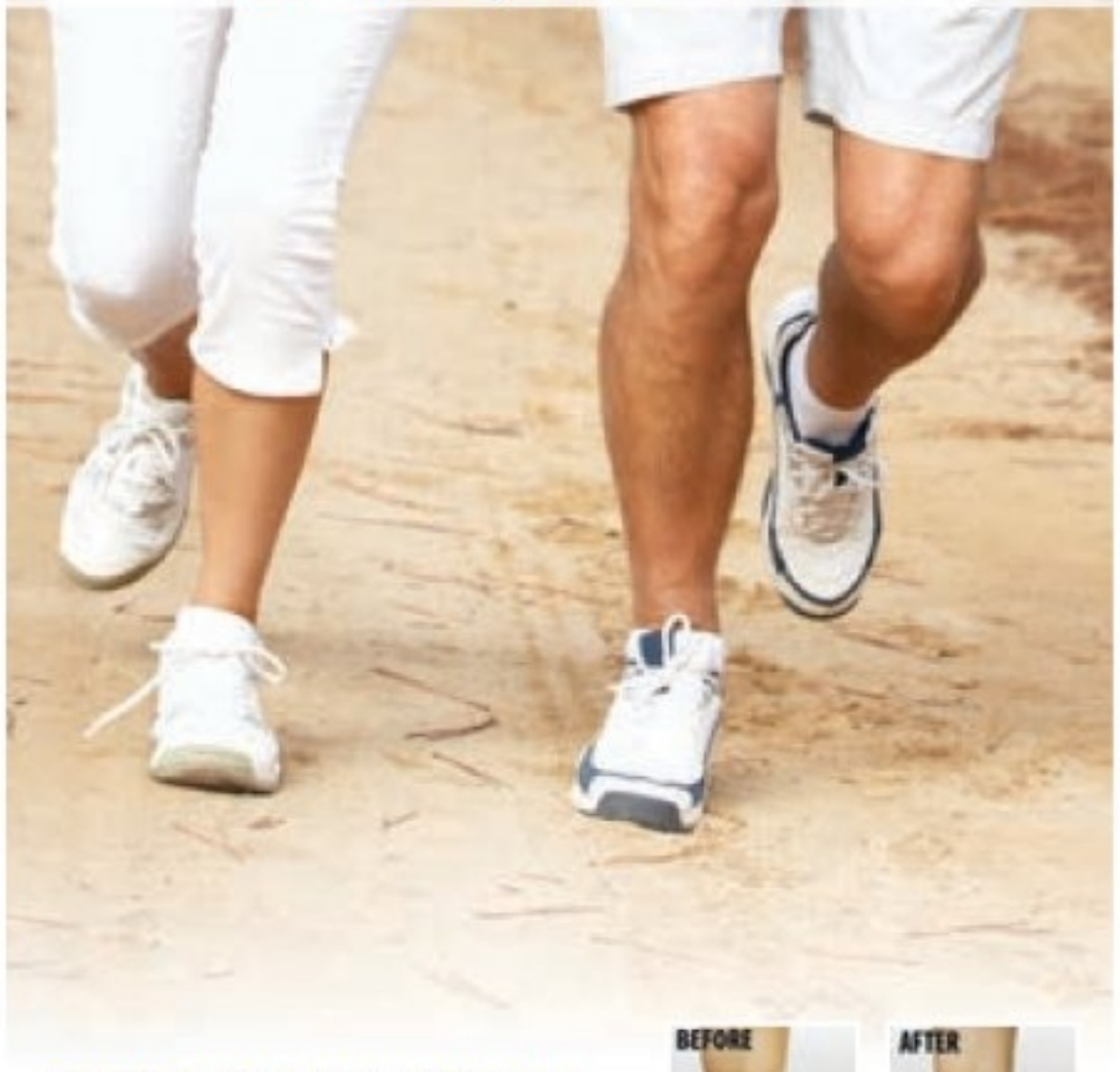

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# World figures deny any wrongdoing as 'Panama Papers' reveal offshore wealth

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Panamanian law firm set up more than 240,000 companies for clients around the globe to stash cash tax free, claims victimhood in document leak.

Governments across the world began investigating possible financial wrongdoing by the rich and powerful on Monday after a leak of four decades of documents from a Panamanian law firm that specialized in setting up offshore companies.

While holding money in offshore companies is not illegal, journalists who received the leaked documents said they could provide evidence of wealth hidden for tax evasion, money laundering, sanctions busting, drug deals or other crimes.

The law firm, Mossack Fonseca, which says it has set up more than 240,000 offshore companies for clients around the globe, denied any wrongdoing and called itself the victim of a campaign against privacy.

The Kremlin said the documents contained "nothing concrete and nothing new" while a spokesman for British Prime Minister David Cameron said his late father's reported links to an offshore company were a "private matter."

Financial prosecutors in France announced the opening of a preliminary investigation for aggravated tax fraud.

Germany would also "pick up the ball" in the case, a Finance Ministry spokesman said on Monday. Financial market watchdog Bafin is looking into the matter, said a source close to the regulator, which reports to the ministry.

Australia, Austria, Sweden and the Netherlands were among other countries which said they had begun investigating the allegations based on more than 11.5 million documents. Banks came under the spotlight over allegations that they helped clients hide their wealth offshore.

A White House spokesman said that while he had no specific comment on the leaked papers, "greater transparency allows us to root out corruption."

The documents, covering a period from 1977 until last December, were leaked to more than 100 news organizations around the world, cooperating with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), a Washington, D.C.-based network.

Government leaders around the world responded to the leaks on Monday with denials or declining comment.

Pakistan denied any wrongdoing by the family of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif after his daughter and son were linked to offshore companies.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko defended his commitment to transparency after lawmakers called for an investigation into allegations in the documents that he had used an offshore firm to avoid tax. Poroshenko purportedly moved his confectionery business, Roshen, to the British Virgin Islands in August 2014 as fighting between Ukraine and pro-Russian separatists peaked. REUTERS

*"I believe I might be the first top official in Ukraine who treats declaring of assets, paying taxes, conflict of interest issues seriously."*

Poroshenko tweeted

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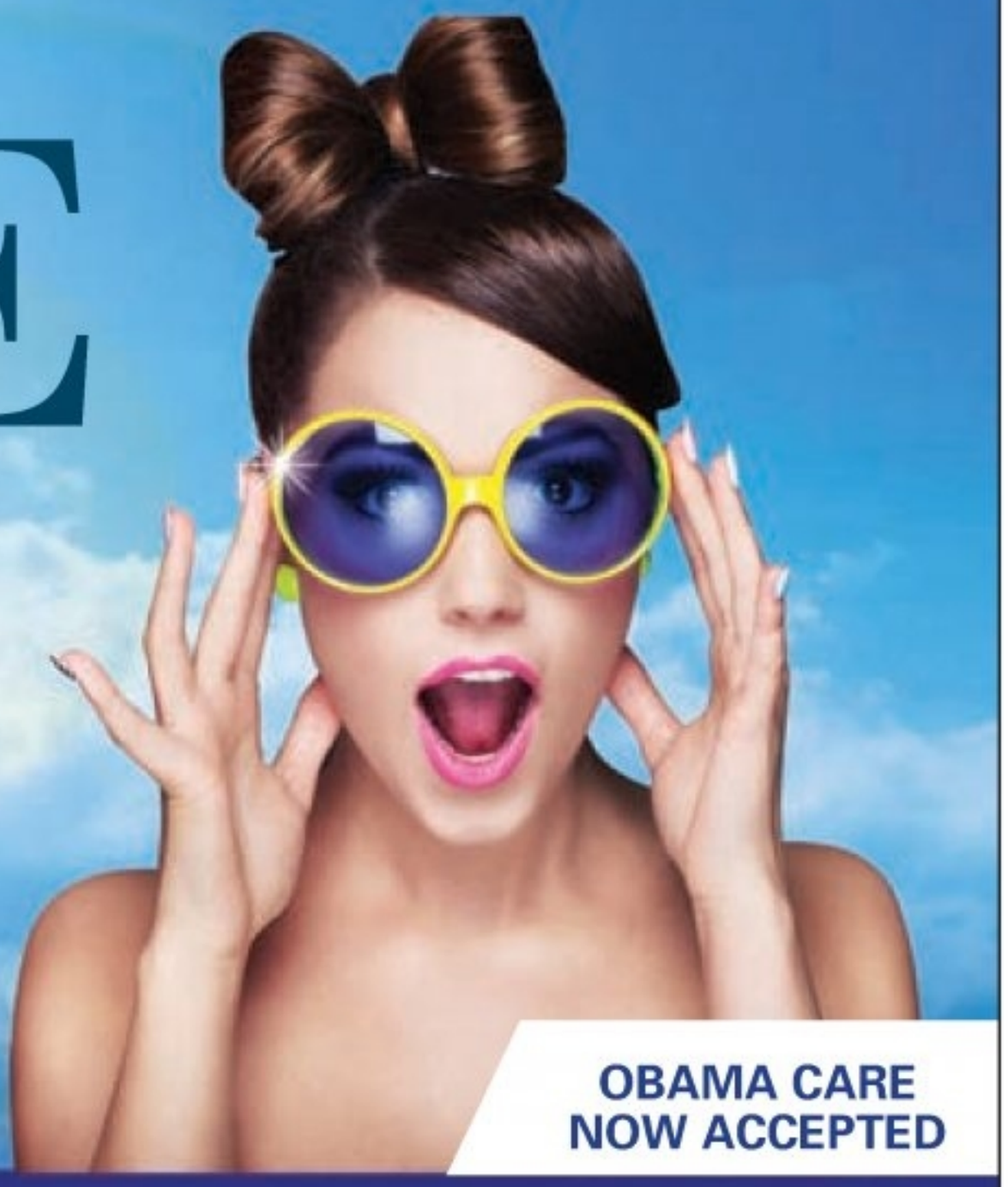

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# Prosecutors in Gray case seek testimony from another officer

The motion, filed in Baltimore City Circuit Court, asks a judge to compel officer Garrett Miller to testify at the trial of officer Edward Nero, set to start on May 10.

Garrett Miller

Edward Nero

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT HANDOUT

Maryland prosecutors want to force a second police officer charged in the death of a black detainee to testify against another officer, a court filing made available on Monday said.

The order is needed since officer Garrett Miller is likely to refuse to take the stand because of his right against self-incrimination, said the motion, which was filed on Thursday.

Miller and Edward Nero arrested Freddie Gray in April 2015 when he fled unprovoked, and Gray died from a neck injury suffered in police custody. His death triggered protests and rioting and stoked a U.S. debate on police treatment of minorities.

Miller and Nero are among six officers facing trial. Both have pleaded not guilty to charges of second-degree assault, reckless endangerment and misconduct.

The motion comes after legal wrangling over prosecutors' efforts to force officer William Porter to testify under limited immunity against the other officers while his own charges were pending. Porter's manslaughter trial ended in a hung jury in December.

Maryland's highest court ruled last month that Porter had to testify. Forcing testimony in a co-defendant's trial was seen as unprecedented in Maryland.

Defense lawyers have said making Porter testify would allow prosecutors to compel other officers to take the witness stand.

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# Officials: US behind strike that killed Nusra Front leader

The United States has carried out an airstrike in Syria that killed a prominent leader of al Qaeda offshoot Nusra Front, Abu Firas al-Suri, officials told Reuters on Monday.

Islamist rebel sources said Abu Firas, who was a former Syrian army officer discharged in the late 1970s because of his Islamist leanings, was a founding member of the militant group and had fought in Afghanistan in the 1980s.

He was a senior member of Nusra Front's policy-making Shura Council.

A Pentagon spokesman said an airstrike on Sunday hit a meeting of high-level al Qaeda officials in northwest Syria at which Abu Firas was present. The spokesman, Peter Cook, said the United States was still confirming whether Abu Firas had been killed.

The United States has targeted Nusra Front in the past, although the bulk of the U.S. military's firepower in Syria has been directed at Islamic State, which occupies parts of Syria and Iraq.

Abu Firas was a fervent opponent of Islamic State's style and was ideologically at odds with the militant group.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which tracks violence in the country, had said he was killed in a suspected Syrian or Russian air raid on a village northwest of the city of Idlib in northwestern Syria on Sunday.

But rebel sources said the attack appeared to have the hallmarks of a U.S. drone strike.

The U.S. officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, declined to offer details on the strike itself, including whether it was carried out by manned or unmanned aircraft.

They also did not say whether the Nusra Front leader was specifically targeted.

From Madaya, near Damascus, Abu Firas worked with al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in galvanizing support among Pakistani supporters of the fundamentalist Taliban movement in Afghanistan several decades ago, the rebel sources said.

"May God accept him as a martyr, he was a commanding figure. This was engineered by the Crusader axis," said one of the sources.

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RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

# Clinton, Sanders promise to include Latinos in cabinet

Latinos and African-Americans have emerged as key voting blocs in the Democratic race for the White House nomination so far, and are likely to play a large role in New York and California.

Democratic presidential hopefuls Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders vowed to nominate Latinos into key cabinet posts in their administrations if elected, according to their answers to a questionnaire organized by the nation's largest Latino coalition.

The 20-question survey was submitted by the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda to all U.S. presidential candidates on Feb. 25, but received responses only from the two Democratic contenders and none from the Republicans, according to the results reviewed by Reuters.

"From special assistants to cabinet members, Latinos will play a key role in helping to shape my policy priorities and be effectively represented in our agencies," former Secretary of State and Democratic front-runner Clinton wrote.

Vermont Sen. Sanders promised to make his administration "reflect the diverse make-up of the country … I can think of no place more vital for such diversity than in the cabinet and the Senior Executive Service of the President of the United States of America."

Attendees wait in line prior to a rally for Democratic Presidential Candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders in the Bronx borough of New York City. GETTY IMAGES

President Barack Obama has nominated a number of Latinos to cabinet position during his time in office, two of whom are currently serving: Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro.

Both Clinton and Sanders have already promised comprehensive immigration reform, appealing to Hispanic voters ahead of presidential nominating contests in minority-heavy states.

REUTERS

# Trump hunts for votes in Wisconsin

Donald Trump tried to put a difficult week behind him and rally his supporters on Monday ahead of a crucial Republican presidential contest in Wisconsin, where he faced the unfamiliar position of underdog.

Polls show the Republican front-runner trails Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas in the Midwestern state, where a loss on Tuesday could dent the Trump's aura of inevitability and make it harder for him to win the 1,237 delegates needed for the party's nomination for the Nov. 8 election.

But Trump told voters at a morning rally in La Crosse, Wisconsin, they could propel him toward the nomination by delivering a surprise victory for him over Cruz.

"If we do well here, folks, it's over," Trump said. "If we don't win here, it's not over, but wouldn't you like to take the credit in Wisconsin for ending it?"

Trump said an array of forces were aligned against him in Wisconsin, including the state's governor, Scott Walker, who has backed Cruz, and a "very hostile media." He also said it was "unfair" that rival John Kasich, the governor of Ohio, refused to get out of the race despite trailing Trump and Cruz badly.

"Your vote is going to be very important tomorrow because the world is watching Wisconsin," Trump told supporters. "They're seeing if this momentum from this incredible movement is going to be slowed down."

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# Police shootings in Chicago have dropped in past year

Police stand guard in front of a mall on Michigan Avenue during a demonstration in Chicago. GETTY IMAGES

Chicago police shot people in four incidents in the first three months of 2016, marking a drop in police shootings in the second-largest U.S. city at a time of national outcry over police use of lethal force.

From 2008 to 2014, there were an average of 12 incidents per quarter in which Chicago officers shot someone, according to data from the Independent Police Review Authority, an oversight body. The figures include both fatal and non-fatal shootings, and an incident sometimes includes more than one person hit by a bullet.

That quarterly average fell to seven last year.

Chicago was rocked by protests over police shootings last year after the city was forced by a judge to release a video of a white officer, Jason Van Dyke, shooting a 17-year-old black youth, Laquan McDonald, who was apparently walking away from police when he was shot 16 times.

In the wake of the protests, Mayor Rahm Emanuel fired his police chief and the Justice Department started an investigation of the Chicago Police Department to see whether there was a pattern of excessive use of lethal force.

More than 74 percent of people shot by the police between 2008 and 2015 in Chicago were African-American, while the population of the city is about one-third black.

According to a Reuters review of police shooting data from Chicago, New York, Houston and Los Angeles in the years from 2007 to 2014, Chicago consistently had more police shootings than the other biggest cities in the country.

Chicago police officers interviewed by Reuters have said they are policing less aggressively due to low morale.

The turmoil within the department, now led by a new interim chief appointed by Emanuel from its ranks, comes at a time when some violent crimes are surging in the city.

Nirej Sekhon, a professor of criminal law at Georgia State University College of Law who has studied Chicago police shootings, said it is too early to say what could be behind the drop in shootings.

In his study of police shootings in the city from 2007-2014 he claimed there may be a connection between such incidents and practices such as "stop and frisk," a policing strategy that has been controversial because of racial profiling.

"Maybe some of the more aggressive forms of policing that occur in minority communities have eased somewhat and that might have to do with the drop in police shootings," he said.

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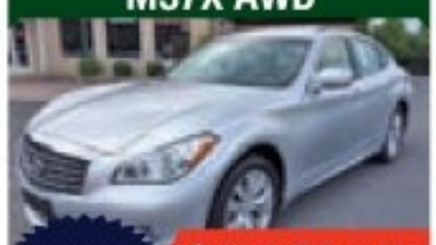
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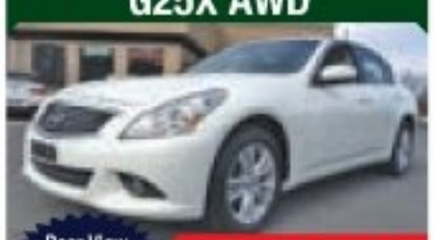
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# Taylor Swift's acceptance speech turns some heads

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So there's Taylor Swift, accepting her second of two iHeartRadio awards at the appropriately named iHeart Radio Awards, when she casually works in a thank you to her boyfriend, Adam. Wait, what? Isn't Swift dating mega-DJ Calvin Harris, you ask? Well, before you freak out, let's put those fears to rest.

"For the first time, I had the most amazing person to come home to when the spotlight went out and when the crowds were all gone," Swift said while accepting the award for Best Tour, which is apparently a thing. "So I want to thank my boyfriend, Adam, for that."

Don't worry, this wasn't her crafty and melodramatic way to announce the end of one relationship and the start of a whole new one. No, see: Mr. Harris' real name is actually Adam Wiles. Which, when you think about it, is just as good of a DJ name as Calvin Harris.

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# Drew Barrymore speaks out on split

Most celebrities don't grant interviews so soon after announcing they're getting a divorce — heck, it took Jennifer Garner nearly nine months to talk to Vanity Fair about her split from Ben Affleck — but then most celebrities don't have a line of rosé from their personal winery to promote, do they?

While shilling for the latest variant from Barrymore Wines, Drew Barrymore talked to PopSugar about the process of coming to the decision to end her third marriage after less than four years.

"I had a really hard time a couple of months ago and kind of knew life was heading in a new direction," she says. "I called someone that I really trust, respect and believe in, because he has always been the conductor of grace. I said, 'What's your advice?' And he said, 'You put one foot in front of the other.' I hung up the phone and I thought, 'That is why I call this person.' It's not only succinct, but it's almost physically productive and life-choice productive. It's just great advice. It's a kind of way in which to live, and I want to be like him. I want to be like that. I want to put one foot in front of the other."

It's a path that apparently leads to the lawyer's office.

# Gwyneth Paltrow takes her oversharing to the Times

Apparently not enough of us are reading Goop, because no less than The New York Times ran a piece that's just Gwyneth Paltrow talking about what sorts of beauty and health products she uses. Don't you get it, America? She's trying to help.

But at least it's a great opportunity to remind everyone that she once voluntarily got stung by bees on purpose as a form of medical treatment. No, seriously. "I'm open to anything. I've been stung by bees," she says. "It's a thousands-of-years-old treatment called apitherapy. People use it to get rid of inflammation and scarring. It's actually pretty incredible if you research it. But, man, it's painful. I haven't done cryotherapy yet, but I do want to try that." I smell a new Goop post coming, guys.

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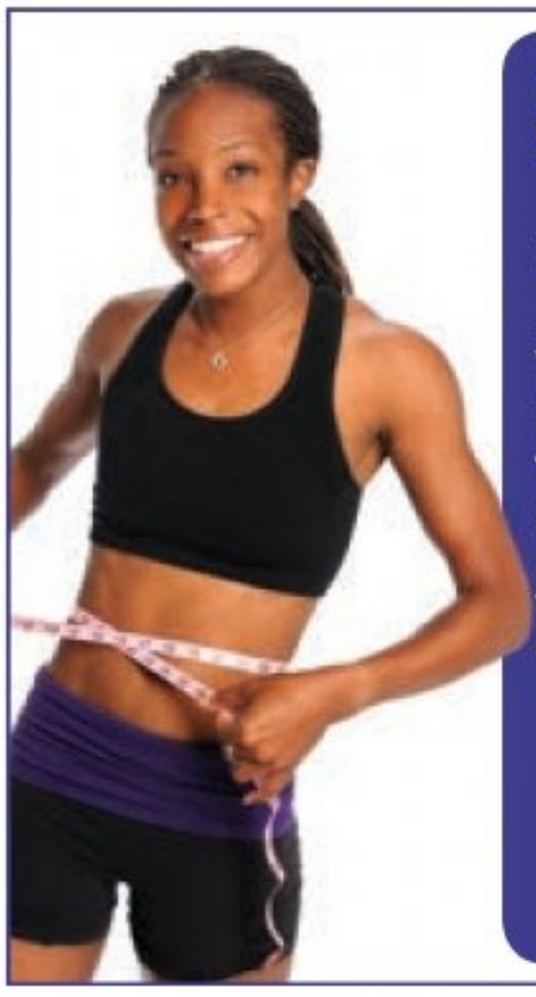

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# What we don't talk about when we talk about love

"The Golden Condom" explores intimate relationships in various forms — and how to move on after extreme heartbreak.

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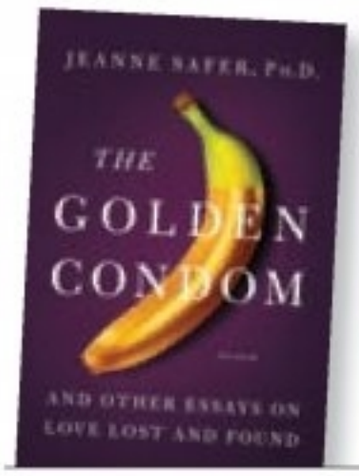


Sometimes, when someone you love hurts you so deeply that it nearly destroys you, it's difficult to talk about it. You feel isolated and humiliated. Fortunately that is not the case with psychoanalyst Dr. Jeanne Safer. At least, it's not the case anymore.

In her sixth book, "The Golden Condom," Safer investigates the sides of love we don't often talk about through her own deeply personal experiences, as well as some of her patients' stories.

## Reliving a painful past

It wasn't a lover who sparked the idea for "The Golden Condom," but being abandoned by a friend. "It felt just like a rejection from a passionate love affair from my youth," Safer tells us.

The experience led her to reread her diary from 1967, when she was 19 and in love with someone who didn't feel the same — and treated her terribly. "Rereading my diary was excruciating, but I wanted to show people how I got there, what it was like, and how I got past it," she says.

The other stories in "The Golden Condom" are similarly intense. There's a woman who comes completely undone after her husband leaves her, and even one about a man incapable of

Jeanne Safer's book "The Golden Condom" is out today. SUSAN SHAPIRO

love at all. But each story also brings a sort-of hope, serving as a comfort.

## Beyond romance

Safer's epiphany that friendship can stir the same kind of love as a romance led her to seek out other relationships that we often don't recognize can have the same emotional significance, such as mentor-protege and love after a partner dies. "Love is so profound and it's so interwoven into our lives in ways we don't even realize," Safer says.

Not all of the stories are about a love gone bad. One essay about a widow's love for her late husband is downright moving. But the essays about a spoiled love — be it a friendship, romantic partner or some other form — are perhaps the most impassioned.

## The hardest part

So often we hold on to a relationship longer than we should. "It's because we're so desperate to be loved," Safer says. She tells us letting go is the hardest part of healing, but it's crucial to moving on.

"[Acknowledging] that someone doesn't love you, and you can't make them, is when real insight begins," she says. "It's devastating, and you have to let yourself grieve that. But it's the key to liberation and freeing yourself to love someone who loves you back."

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# Two sides of Shakespeare

Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre brings "Macbeth" and "Twelfth Night" to the stage this Spring.

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The fact that Shakespeare's plays still feel so relevant 400 years after his death says something both reassuring and distressing about human nature. On the darker side, Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre Artistic/Executive Director Carmen Khan points out, "[One of the murderers] in Macbeth basically says, 'I'm so wronged by the world that I'll do anything to destroy it.' My god, that's ISIS; that's Donald Trump. People are so angry that it sounds like a modern sentence."

That's one reason why Khan decided to balance the tragedy of "Macbeth" with the comedy of "Twelfth Night" to open PST's 20th anniversary season, which also marks the four centuries that have passed since the Bard's demise.

"As an actor, you can get really depressed just doing 'Macbeth,'" Khan admits. "It's kind of refreshing if you have the chance to also focus on a drunken revel of a play."

"Macbeth" opened the season last week, while "Twelfth Night" will open April 14, with the two plays running in repertory through late May. Khan hopes audiences will return for both plays and enjoy the offbeat experience of seeing the conflicted Macbeth transform into the stern Malvolio, or the mischievous Sir Toby Belch become the heroic Macduff.

Aside from their opposing moods, however, Khan sees more similarities in the two plays than a casual viewer might expect. "These plays express two sides of who we are as humans," she explains. "They're all about regret, the mistakes you make that you can never change. 'Macbeth' encapsulates that in a tragic way, and then 'Twelfth Night' shows us in all our foolishness."

Spending two decades exploring the work of a single playwright inevitably leads to those sorts of insights. PST's anniversary season was designed to reflect the growth that has taken place in the company and its founder over those years. "Macbeth" was one of the first plays produced by the company, while "The Merchant of Venice," which will close the season this fall, is returning to the mainstage for the first time in 20 years.

"What Shakespeare has tapped into in an encyclopedic way is our very humanity," Khan says. "He's this incredible symphony of human feeling. After 20 years looking at this 400-year history, I feel like we have a little insight into what they're really about, but you never stop learning."

"Macbeth" features Rob Kahn as Macbeth, and Annabel Capper as Lady Macbeth. ALL PHOTOS KENDALL WHITEHOUSE

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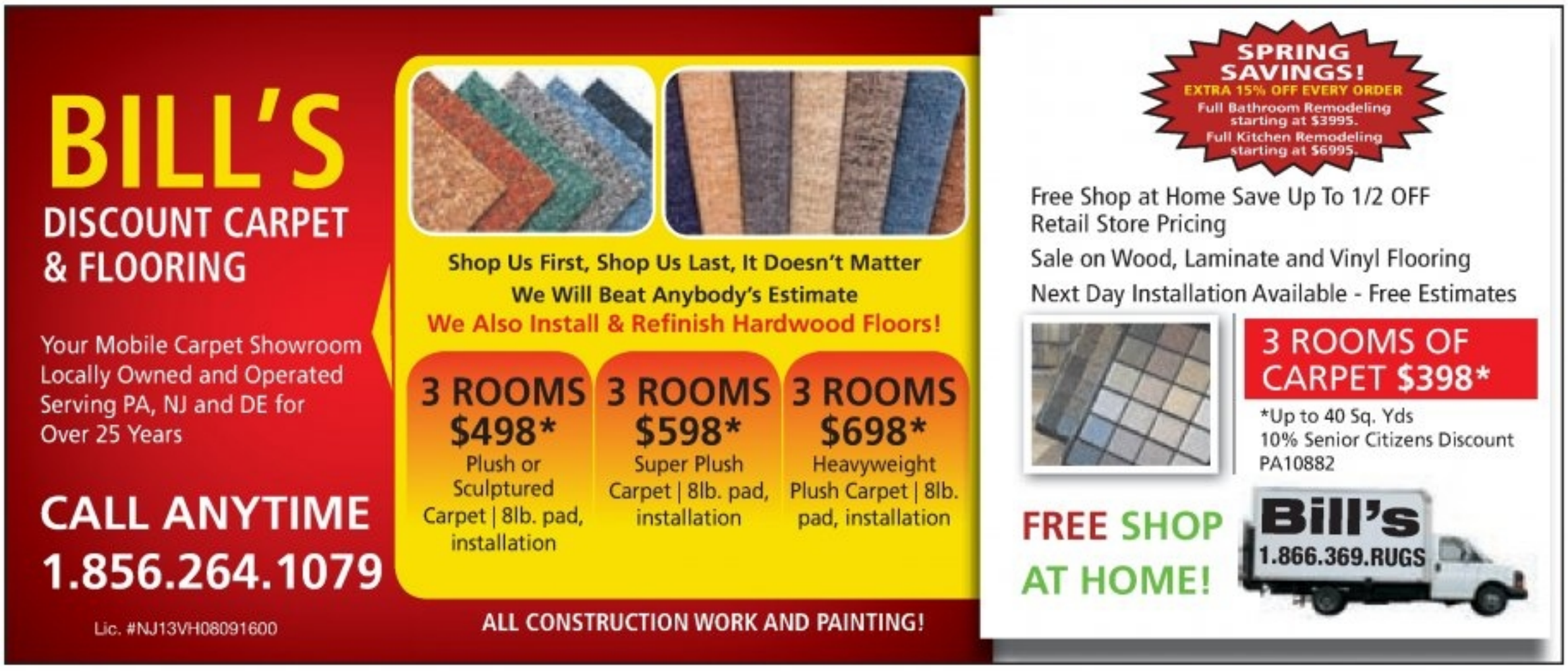
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# Ed Skrein remembers Britpop

The "Deadpool" villain talks the nasty "Kill Your Friends" and looking like co-star Nicholas Hoult.

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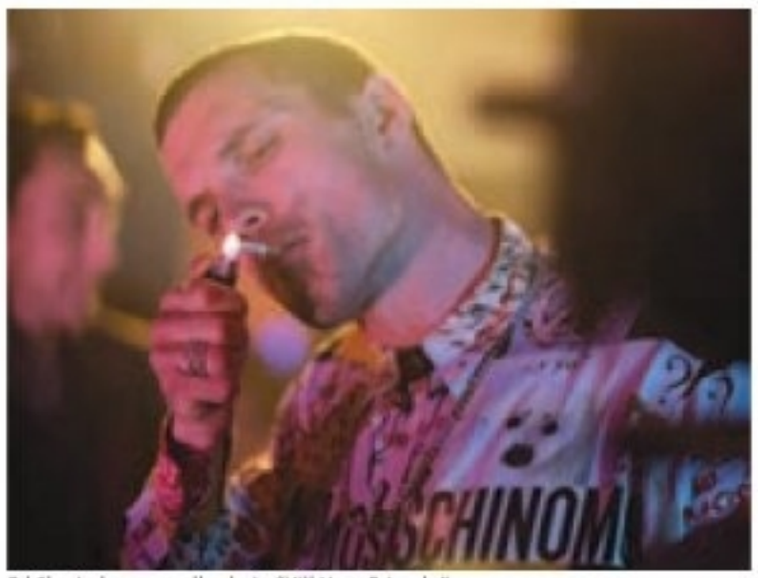
Ed Skrein is such a fan of "Kill Your Friends" that he's willing to do interviews while in Barcelona the day after his birthday. The English actor, of "The Transporter: Refueled" and "Deadpool," only has a small part in the film, based on John Niven's novel and set in London in 1997, during the waning days of Britpop. He's a hustler and manager, trying to hawk a Spice Girls-esque foursome to a cynical, drug-addled and eventually murderous A&R shark (Nicholas Hoult). Even though Skrein, newly 33, was a young teen back then, he remembers how nuts it was, even though he wasn't as into the period's music.



Ed Skrein has a small role in "Kill Your Friends," the movie of a novel the actor adores. WELL GO USA

**Were there Britpop bands you were into?**

I was into Jamiroquai, but they don't qualify as Britpop, though they're obviously British. Me and my peer group, we were more into the golden era of American hip-hop, to be honest. We were into Wu-Tang's "36 Chambers" and "The Low End Theory" and "Illmatic" and Naughty by Nature. But [Britpop] was certainly something you couldn't get away from. It was a time of New Labor and there was this optimism about Tony Blair coming into power and cuddling with Noel Gallagher and the Spice Girls.

**But that frenzy was short-lived. Blair turned into a hawk, most of those bands flamed out or changed their sounds, and "Cool Britannia" was, in 1997, not long for this world.**

I love the way John Niven, the author, talks about it, because he talks about it as the last days of Rome. That's a very interesting comparison in terms of this feeling of being untouchable and people not realizing things are coming to an end, and you need to get as much as you can before it all goes [belly] up. That's very much what you see Stelfox (Nicholas Hoult's character) doing in the movie.

**You're a big fan of the book. You even accepted a pretty small role in the film.**

I was actually supposed to play another part and the dates got mixed up. There was another movie I was doing. I said, "Look, get me into this movie, man. I'll do anything." I just want to be a part of things I'm proud of, things I'm passionate about. "Kill Your Friends" and "Deadpool" were both things I was already passionate about. I would have been a fan of those movies even if I wasn't in them. So being in them is a double investment. That's why I'm sitting on my holiday talking about this. I don't need to do it, but I love it.

## Him and Nicolas Hoult

**Surely I'm not the first person to point out that you and Nicholas Hoult look freakishly similar, especially now that I've seen you two in the same film.** We need to play brothers. We need to make a movie where we play brothers. It's funny: If you look at pictures of us five years ago, we didn't look the same at all. I was this big lump of a skinhead and he was this really fresh-faced boy. Now even I can see it. I don't know when it's going to happen, but we need to play brothers, man.

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## 'E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL'

Henry Thomas is a boy who befriends a freaky alien in 1982's "E.T." UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Do the kids these days — that is, actual kids — know about "E.T."? At one point the highest grossing movie ever, topping even "Star Wars," Steven Spielberg's heartbreaker has miraculously never been sequelized, remade or rebooted. Hopefully that doesn't mean its legacy won't live on with generations, especially ones used to CGI, who might not take kindly to the sight of an elaborate puppet lumbering about, sometimes in drag. If you're a parent, do right by your kid(s). Even if you're just an adult revisiting it, watching it at home means no one has to see you bawl your eyes out.

## 'OUT 1'

Once upon a time the, thought of watching a 13 hour French film would have seemed, to the casual filmgoer, a no-go. Now that binge-watching is a thing, not so much. But the late Jacques Rivette's 1971 epic — trailing a couple dozen characters as they interweave throughout Paris — isn't the kind of monster you conquer semi-casually. It demands full attention and total commitment, even if it is conveniently divided into eight episodes. We do recommend binging it, though

Jean-Pierre Leaud is one of dozens of actors in "Out 1." JANUS FILMS

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## 'INSIDE MAN'

No one has ever "sold out" like Spike Lee. The director/firebrand proved he could play nice with this crackerjack thriller, which finds Denzel Washington's dashing, white-suited detective attempting to thwart a bank heist. But it's still exceedingly, wonderfully Spike. Rather than throw everything at the screen and wildly mixing tones, he organically, even subversively, weaves cutting social commentary into a popcorn movie, all without killing the pace. Casual viewers might

Denzel Washington (with Willem Dafoe) is dashing in Spike Lee's "Inside Man." UNIVERSAL PICTURES

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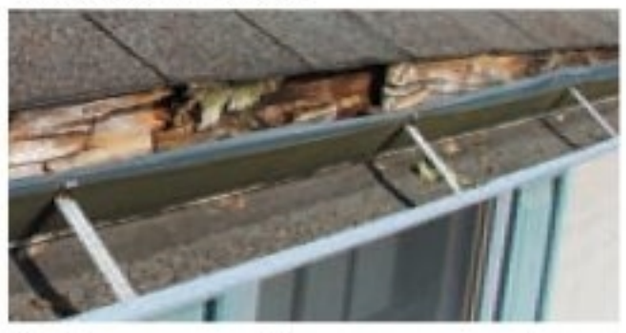

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# Phoebe Ryan gets the Taylor Swift seal of approval

The singer-songwriter is a fan of her fans.

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Taylor Swift says Phoebe Ryan's "Mine" will make your life "more awesome." GETTY IMAGES

Phoebe Ryan is currently on tour with Charlie Puth, and his fans were quick to embrace the "Chronic" singer-songwriter in their … er, enthusiastic embrace.

"They're super intense," laughs Ryan from a midtour stop in Ohio. "But it's all been so positive. They're intense with love."

The 24-year-old has been lucky in the business of finding the support of big-name stars' sign offs. In October, Taylor Swift tweeted out a handwritten list of "Songs That Will Make Your Life More Awesome" with Ryan's "Mine" in the No. 2 spot.

"People have to remind me that it actually happened," the L.A.-based artist admits. "I thought maybe I was crazy and that just happened in my head. I can't believe she took the time to listen to my song, and then write it out on a piece of paper that she liked it. That blows my mind."

Ryan, who studied audio engineering and sound production at NYU, dropped her five-track EP "Mine" on Columbia last summer, and she plans to release her first studio full-length in the near future. Her raspy, dance-friendly vocals have drawn comparisons to the likes of Tove Lo and Ellie Goulding and her new single, "Chronic," just got the Knocks' treatment, soon to be released at a later date. She chats about her new single, and how she keeps her hair so great and green.

**So what's the deal with "Chronic"? Is it about a happy love or a sad love? I can't decide.**

I would say that it's not negative, it's more of a positive thing. It's fun, but not like puppy love. It's totally the honeymoon period.

**What's your writing process like?**

Some days I'll start with a specific word or concept, but then some days I'll write all the melodies and fill in the words later. I get bored pretty easily so I have to constantly entertain myself.

**Is there anything you always bring on tour with you?**

I guess it's less about what I bring and more about what I acquire. I've been getting some amazing stuff lately. Like I got this Nascar jacket from a gas station in Louisiana.

**A gas station?**

Gas station fashion is real. And I went to an aquarium in Cincinnati and got T-shirts and jewelry. I'm wearing a T-shirt with a giant squid on it now.

**Speaking of style — how do you keep your hair so green?**

I feel like people would be surprised by how little maintenance I do for my hair. The dye I use is just super strong and it's bonded to my hair because I've been using it for years.

**Which kind is it?**

I used Manic Panic when I first started dying my hair but that would wash out in three days so I use a way more permanent dye now. My hair dresser was like, "If you use this, there's no going back." And I said, "Yes! I need to be green forever!" It's by Goldwell and I have to sneakily buy it on Amazon because you're not supposed to be able to if you're not a professional [hairstylist]. I stock up when I can find it.

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April is National Infant Immunization Month, and there is no better time to get the facts.

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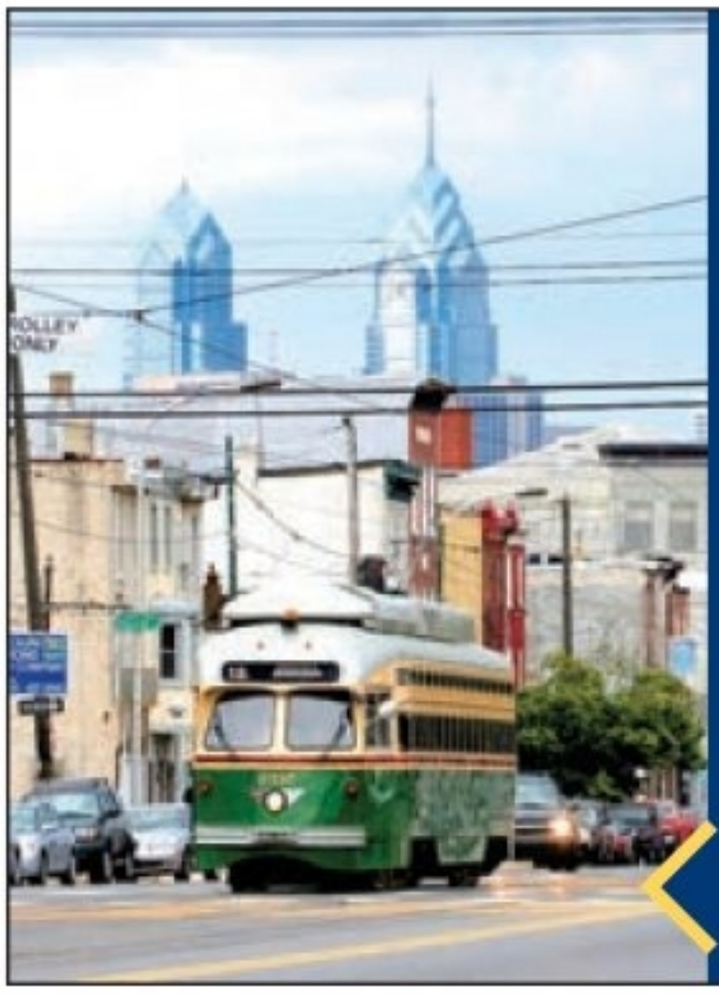
An antivaccine movement erupted in 1998 when scientist Andrew Wakefield published a study linking immunizations and autism. A documentary on the subject, "Vaxxed: From Cover Up To Catastrophe" was blocked from screening at this month's Tribeca Film Festival by co-founder Robert De Niro after he reviewed the movie with scientific professionals, according to The New York Times. Wakefield's findings were retracted in 2010, but many parents are still confused about the need for vaccinations. And even if you are completely on board with getting your child vaccinated, chances are you still have questions. We talk to Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, professor of pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania and author of six books addressing the topic.

**Are all the vaccines equally important?**
There's still measles and mumps in the U.S. But what about something like polio that we haven't had in the U.S. since the 1970s? People with polio virus are still coming from other countries, and only one out of 200 people with polio actually has symptoms. Most people asymptomatically shed the virus. Another reason is because you might travel to a country where polio is still occurring.

**Have you seen any diseases come back because of the antivaccination movement?**
Yes! We eliminated measles from the U.S. in 2000. But in 2014, we had about 680 cases of measles. Last year, there were about 190 cases. If we continue this trend, more could come back, such as rubella, a virus similar to Zika.

**How important is it to stick to the recommended timetable for infant immunization?**
It's a burdensome schedule. But it's a well-tested schedule. To make up your own schedule is to wander into a world where you don't know if the [results] will work the same.

**What do you tell parents who are skeptical about vaccinating?**
People assume if you do nothing, that it is a risk-free choice. It's not. In the case of not vaccinating, it's a choice to take a different and more serious risk. It's OK to be skeptical, but if there is data answering your concerns, you should believe it. I work at a place where not a year goes by where we don't see a child die from a vaccine-preventable disease, invariably because the parents choose not to vaccinate. It's burdensome to get all the shots, but if you want to understand why it's important, just spend some time with parent advocacy groups. They all tell the same story: "I can't believe this happened to me."



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# 3 Reasons why midlife isn't a crisis

According to science, your 40s and 50s are actually a peak, not a valley.

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It wasn't until former NPR correspondent Barbara Bradley Hagerty was on the brink of her own "midlife crisis" that she started to give serious thought as to what exactly the term meant. Defined as experiencing intense emotional distress about getting older, Hagerty didn't let her anxious thoughts drag her down. Instead her fear drove her to research everything she could about midlife, from what happens to the brain, body, happiness and more. She shares her findings in her new book, "Life Reimagined," and learned midlife is actually a peak, not a valley. She lets us in on some of the highlights here:

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## 1 Your state of happiness rises

When Hagerty looked at how happiness changes throughout one's lifetime, she found that researchers all over the world came to the same conclusion: There is a U-shape to happiness over the course of a lifetime.

Research shows that happiness is high in the 20s and 30s, and then dips in the 40s and 50s. But in your late 50s, it starts to rise again, reaching the same levels as before.

"There are actually two types of happiness," Hagerty explains. "Hedonistic happiness is momentary happiness; being happy in the moment. Eudaimonic is deep happiness, feeling like you have a meaningful life. People in midlife have really meaningful lives." After spending time raising kids or putting effort into your career, you finally see it paying off.

## 2 You are absolutely getting smarter

While it's true that fluid intelligence — being able to tackle problems you've never seen before — starts to decline in your late 20s, scientists have found that there is another type of intelligence, crystalized intelligence, that only increases. "This is everything you absorb," Hagerty explains. "It's wisdom. It's vocabulary. It's general learning and knowledge."

And new evidence is showing that you actually can increase your fluid intelligence after 30 — if you work at it by doing things like reading and IQ brain exercises. Hagerty raised her own IQ by doing this.

## 3 You can turn back the clock on memory loss

"Life Reimagined" points out that we are constantly creating new brain cells, and you can preserve them through learning new things.

"If you learn — by teaching yourself a new language, a new skill, reading or going to the museum — you are actually keeping those new cells alive and they are crucial for preserving memory," Hagerty says. Exercising also plays a huge role. "People who begin exercising, just walking every day, actually turn back the clock on memory loss. They did better on memory tests than they did two years earlier," she says.

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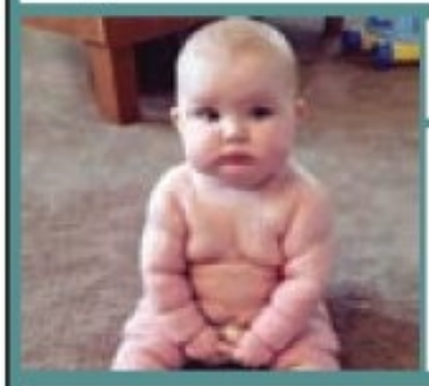

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# Breaking down Eagles' big needs

The Birds still need help at wide receiver, offensive line and running back.

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The Eagles haven't wasted any time addressing their roster in the wake of Chip Kelly's departure, and they've made some pretty strong moves. There are fewer weak spots on the roster today than there were in December and here's a look at three key spots the Birds must improve on as the offseason continues:

## Wide receiver production

Wide receiver is a tricky position to "fix" on the Eagles. There is an absolute need for production at the position. Besides Jordan Matthews' 997 yards in the slot, good for 27th in the league, the Eagles had only one other player, Zach Ertz, finish in the top 122 receivers in the NFL.

Their third and fourth leading receivers also weren't receivers: Brent Celek and Darren Sproles. Their fifth leading receiver, Riley Cooper, is no longer on the roster. Josh Huff had 312 yards last year, good for seventh on the team and 148th in the NFL. That, theoretically, is the Eagles' number two receiver. They will at least be buoyed by the addition of Reuben Randle, who had 797 yards for the Giants in 2015.

The problem is that the Eagles have spent plenty of high-value draft picks on wide receivers: Matthews, Huff and last year Nelson Agholor. Matthews' career is right on track, and while the same can't be said for Huff and Agholor, it's much too early to give up on either of them. With Randle now in-house, and Ertz and Celek still around, it is tough to see how any rookie could come in and receive enough time to develop alongside the young players already here without taking away from them.

However, at the eighth pick, the Eagles could have their pick of any receiver in the draft if they've fallen in love. Baylor's Corey Coleman and Mississippi's Laquon Treadwell are the pick of the litter. If they wait until later they've also been connected to Tajae Sharpe of UMass and Stanford's Devon Cajuste at the East-West Shrine Game.

Josh Huff has been disappointing while Riley Cooper was cut from the Eagles receiving corps. GETTY IMAGES

## A reliable running back

The Eagles' leading rusher, DeMarco Murray — who coincidentally also ranked 27th in the league in 2015 — is now gone. The team is left with Ryan Mathews, who finished 39th in rushing yards and has missed 23 games during his six years in the league, and Darren Sproles, who, despite often looking like the Eagles' best playmaker last season, will be 33-years-old when next season begins and is coming off his least productive season since 2007.

The simplest solution, if he is available, is to spend the Eagles' newly acquired eighth overall pick on Ohio State running back Ezekiel Elliot. It's happening right now in mock drafts all over the country.

If the Eagles don't take Elliot, they could (and hopefully will) look at running backs later in the draft. Keep an eye on UCLA's Paul Perkins and Illinois State's Marshaun Coprich. You can question the competition Coprich has rolled up 5,000-plus rushing yards against, but the Eagles had pretty great success with an FCS running back when they selected Brian Westbrook from Villanova.

## Offensive line depth and Jason Peters' successor

The first half of this received a big boost when the Eagles signed former Penn State center Stefen Wisniewski Monday. The last time he was playing regularly in Pennsylvania, Wisniewski was an All-American. Since the Raiders drafted him, he's started 77 games at guard and center in the NFL.

Wisniewski, who signed a one-year deal, becomes the prohibitive favorite to slot in the remaining guard spot on the line across from fellow new signee Brandon Brooks. His history at center is also invaluable for a team that has seen huge downturns in performance when Jason Kelce suffers an injury.

Wisniewski's signing doesn't necessarily prohibit the Eagles from looking at an offensive lineman with their first round pick. Ronnie Stanley from Notre Dame, one of the favorite projections at the spot alongside Elliot, is the consensus second-ranked tackle in the draft and would seem a natural fit to cast at right tackle when Lane Johnson is ultimately shifted to Jason Peters' side of the line.

The Eagles haven't had to worry about filling Jason Peters spot on the line since he arrived in 2009. He has played in at least 13 games every season since, including 14 in 2015. He did not however, finish that many. Durability was increasingly a concern for the team's left tackle in 2015, and they need to be prepared in the event the 34-year-old struggles to stay on the field in 2016.

If you're interested in later picks than Stanley, keep an eye on South Carolina's Brandon Shell, a four-year starter who could develop behind Peters and Johnson. He's also the great nephew of Art Shell, who was a pretty OK lineman in his day.

## NCAA Final frenzy

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Vegas odds makers set the Phils over-under at 66.5 wins this year — the fewest for any Major League team. What's your number? Here's a handy guide. For each question you answer "yes," add two wins to that total. For each "no," subtract two.

**1** Somehow, Ryan Howard and Darin Ruf combined for 35 homers and 116 RBI last season in 735 at bats. Can the slow-footed L-R platoon equal or improve those stats in 2016?

**2** Pete Mackanin lost the "interim" manager tag this season. The anti-Sandberg is praised for steadying young players. At age 64, does the first-time, full-time skipper have the right stuff to direct a Major League team?

**3** Aaron Nola. He's for real, right?

**4** The Phils top four outfielders combined for just 34 homers and 151 RBIs last season — by far the worst production in baseball. Can Odubel Herrera, Cody Asche (when he's healthy) and two guys you never heard of — Peter Bourjos and Tyler Goeddel — provide more pop?

**5** Despite Mikael Franco's nine spring training bombs, Vegas puts his over-under at just 23.5 homers. I'm pushing in all my chips on the over. You too?

**6** Jeremy Hellickson and Charlie Morton are retread starters looking to re-establish once-bright careers. They replace Aaron Harang and Jerome Williams, who racked up a 10-27 record and 5.25 ERA. Anything is an improvement over those bums, right?

**7** Does the beloved Chooch have anything left? If not, is Cameron Rupp a competent starter?

**8** Bailey, Hernandez, Frieri and Hinojosa is not the name of a law firm specializing in immigration issues. It's a list of candidates for the closer's job. Will any of them prove capable of avoiding ninth-inning walks and Citizens Bank Park cheapie homers?

**9** New GM Matt Klentak looks like a fresh-scrubbed high schooler prepping for the prom, but no one's more important in building the future than this 35-year-old rookie. Trust him yet?

**10** Jerad Eickhoff, 23, pitched a 2.65 ERA last season after coming from Texas for Cole Hamels. Vince Velasquez, also 23, had a 2.25 Grapefruit League ERA after coming from Houston for Ken Giles. Are these young arms worth believing in?

**11** Gone from the Phils are Dom Brown, Ben Revere, David Buchanan and Jeff Francoeur — but also Hamels, Giles and, yep, Jonathan Papelbon. Does that work out to a net plus?

The Phillies' win potential is boosted by the return of their top hitter from last season, Odubel Herrera. GETTY IMAGES

**12** Will the reinforcements arrive on time to impact this season? If all goes as planned, the lineup could add SS J.P. Crawford and OF Nick Williams by early summer, with others to follow. Will the kids survive being thrown into the deep end?

**So what's your tally?**
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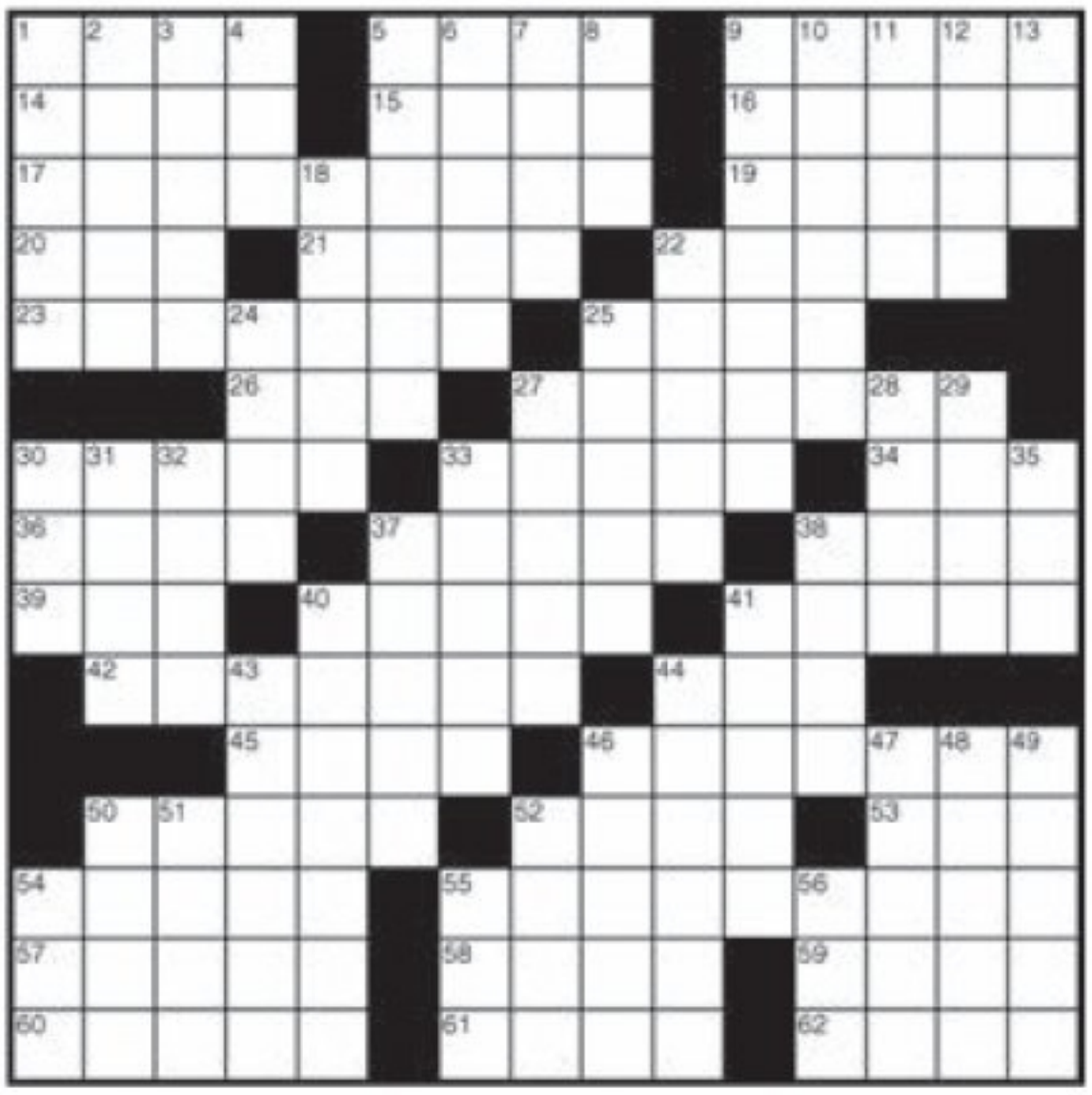

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**Taurus** Your intuition will not let you down. An emotional situation will turn in your favor if you are willing to push it a little harder to get your way.

**Gemini** Someone will use manipulative tactics to try to undermine you. Be precise in order to avoid misinterpretation. Don't trust anyone to handle your personal matters.

**Cancer** Your experience will help you handle a situation with clarity. Your insight and ability to find solutions will make you a hero. Romance will highlight your day.

**Leo** Take a chance and make a change. You'll surprise everyone with your actions, but more importantly, you'll make it clear that you are in charge.

**Virgo** Pay attention to relationships. Discuss plans thoroughly, leaving no room for misunderstanding. If you are precise, you will have nothing to worry about.

**Libra** Mixing business with pleasure or letting one interfere with the other will be your downfall. Organization and preparation will be required to avoid criticism.

**Scorpio** You'll make progress if you incorporate professional or domestic changes that will make your life easier. Convenience and the latest technology or equipment will give you an edge.

**Sagittarius** Caution must be taken when dealing with people who don't share your beliefs. Spell out exactly what you want or need in order to avoid a misunderstanding or mistake.

**Capricorn** A day trip or get-together with people you enjoy or admire will lead to new ideas, plans and improvements. Love is emphasized today.

**Aquarius** Bring about the changes that will help you secure a desired position or provide a chance to hone your skills and make them profitable.

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**Qualified participants must:**

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Currently experience symptoms of Schizophrenia

**Qualified participants receive:**

- All study related evaluations and study medication at no cost
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